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SUBJECT: ISRAELI AIRCRAFT SALES TO HONDURAS

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(E) STATE 280090 (NOTAL)

1. SECRETARY HAS APPROVED AND PM DIRECTOR GELB HAS
INFORMED ISRAELIS OF "NO OBJECTION" TO GOI TRANSFER TO
HONDURAS OF TWO MORE SUPER MYSTERES WITH US ENGINES, IN
ADDITION TO EIGHT TRANSFERRED IN 1976 AND TWO TRANS-
FERRED PER GOI REQUEST OF JULY 1977. IN PROVIDING THIS

INFORMATION TO ISRAELIS (REFTEL E) GELB NOTED THAT OUR APPROVAL OF THESE TWO ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN AS A PRECEDENT, THAT US DID NOT WANT TO BE SEEN TO

BE ENCOURAGING ARMS RACE IN CENTRAL AMERICA, AND THAT APPROVAL IS SUBJECT TO COMPLETION OF CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES AND RECEIPT OF RETRANSFER ASSURANCES FROM HONDURAS. AS EMBASSY IS AWARE, "NO OBJECTION" OPTION CHOSEN BY SECRETARY WAS SUPPORTED BY TWO STATE BUREAUS AND OPPOSED BY ONE STATE BUREAU AND ACDA.

2. DEPT NOTES THAT, IN ADDITION TO PARM INTER-AGENCY GROUP PREFERENCE FOR NON-MILITARY "INCENTIVES" FOR PROPER GOVERNMENT HUMAN RIGHTS CONDUCT (REFTEL D, PARA 5), THAT THIRD GOAL OF AMBASSADOR'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES (REFTEL C) IS 'RESOLUTION OF BORDER DISPUTE WITH EL SALVADOR' AND SECOND OBJECTIVE UNDER FOURTH GOAL, 'ENCOURAGEMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION' IS TO 'DISCOURAGE HONDURAN ARMS ACQUISITION AT THE EXPENSE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.'

3. DEPT APPRECIATES EMBASSY EVALUATIONS CONTAINED IN REFTELS A AND B. FURTHER DEPT CONSIDERATION OF EMBASSY SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED IN REFTEL A WOULD BE ASSISTED BY EMBASSY UPDATE OF LISTING OF OPERATIONAL AIRCRAFT FROM
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REFTEL B IF CHANGES HAVE OCCURRED. DEPT WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE EMBASSY VERIFICATION OR REFINEMENT OF AIRCRAFT TYPES LISTED IN MEMORANDUM TITLED "AIR ORDER OF BATTLE - CENTRAL AMERICA AND MEXICO" DATED NOVEMBER 1, 1977 WHICH WILL BE POUCHED DECEMBER 30.

4. EMBASSY SHOULD, AS APPROPRIATE OCCASIONS MAY PRESENT THEMSELVES, INFORMALLY DISCOURAGE GOVT OF HONDURAS' CONSIDERATION OF MORE SUPER MYSTERE PURCHASES. CHRISTOPHER

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